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§ 515.569 Foreign passengers' baggage.

The importation of Cuban–origin goods, otherwise prohibited by this part, brought into the United States as baggage by any person arriving in the United States other than a citizen or resident of the United States is hereby authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of § 515.803, provided that such goods are not in commercial quantities and are not imported for resale. This authorization does not apply to the importation of Cuban–origin alcohol or tobacco products.

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§ 515.570 Remittances to nationals of Cuba.

(a) *Periodic $300 family household remittances authorized.* Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who are 18 years of age or older are authorized to make remittances to nationals of Cuba who are members of the remitter's immediate family, provided that:

(1) The remitter's total remittances do not exceed $300 per recipient household in any consecutive 3-month period, regardless of the number of members of the remitter's immediate family comprising that household;

(2) The remittances are not made from a blocked source unless:

(i) The remittances are authorized pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section; or

(ii) The remittances are made to a recipient in a third country and are made from a blocked account in a banking institution in the United States held in the name of, or in which the beneficial interest is held by, the recipient; and

(3) The recipient is not a prohibited official of the Government of Cuba or a prohibited member of the Cuban Communist Party. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term ''prohibited official of the Government of Cuba'' means: Ministers and Vice-ministers, members of the Council of State, and the Council of Ministers; members and employees of the National Assembly of People's Power; members of any provincial assembly; local sector chiefs of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution; Director Generals and sub-

Director Generals and higher of all Cuban ministries and state agencies; employees of the Ministry of the Interior (MININT); employees of the Ministry of Defense (MINFAR); secretaries and first secretaries of the Confederation of Labor of Cuba (CTC) and its component unions; chief editors, editors and deputy editors of Cuban state-run media organizations and programs, including newspapers, television, and radio; and members and employees of the Supreme Court (Tribuno Supremo Nacional). For purposes of this paragraph, the term ''prohibited members of the Cuban Communist Party'' means: members of the Politburo; the Central Committee; Department Heads of the Central Committee; employees of the Central Committee; and secretary and first secretary of the provincial Party central committees.

(4) For the purposes of this paragraph (a), the term ''member of the remitter's immediate family'' means a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling of the remitter or the remitter's spouse, as well as any spouse, widow, or widower of any of the foregoing.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (A): The maximum amount set forth in this paragraph does not apply to remittances to a Cuban individual who has been unblocked or whose current transactions are otherwise authorized pursuant to § 515.505, because remittances to such persons do not require separate authorization.

(b) Two one-time $500 emigration-related remittances authorized. Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States are authorized to remit the following amounts:

(1) Up to $500 per payee on a one-time basis to any Cuban nationals for the purpose of covering the payees' preliminary expenses associated with emigrating from Cuba to the United States. These remittances may be sent before the payees have received valid visas issued by the State Department or other approved U.S.-immigration documents, but may not be carried by a licensed traveler to Cuba until the payees have received valid visas issued by the State Department or other approved U.S.-immigration documents. See § 515.560(c)(4) of this part for the